

Ridge Live Steamers

February 2012

CALENDAR

West Toccoi and Bostwick	Friday – Sunday	February 3 – 5, 2012
Big Boots and Western	Monday – Sunday	February 6 – 12, 2012
Central Pasco and Gulf	Friday – Wednesday	February 10 – 15, 2012
Largo Central	Thursday – Saturday	February 16 – 18, 2012
Tradewinds and Atlantic	Friday - Saturday	February 17 – 18, 2012
Manatee Central	Sunday – Wednesday	February 19 – 22, 2012
Ridge Live Steamers Winter Meet	Thursday – Sunday	February 23 – 26, 2012
And Board of Directors Meeting, if necessary,	Saturday	February 25, 2012
FLS Banquet at Dundee Civic Center	Saturday, 6:00 PM	February 25, 2012
West Toccoi and Bostwick Open House	Sunday – Tuesday	February 26 – 28, 2012
Sebring Systems	Friday – Sunday	March 9 – 10, 2012

The Winter Meet is just around the corner. If you haven't made your banquet reservations, or your camping reservations, please do it now. Volunteers will be needed in several areas, see Harold Dunsford and tell him you are available.

Annual Meeting/Election of Officers. The Annual Meeting is on Sunday, February 26th, and at that time the Election of Officers will take place. Officers up for election are: Tom Pfister, Treasurer; Mort Tiley, Mitchell Hardy and John Forte, as Directors. Officers serving for another year are: Harold Dunsford, President; Bruce Rauch, Vice President; Allen Newcomb, Secretary; Tommy Bissett, Past President; Jerry Rivet, Foster Bond and Fred DeLoach as Directors.

Bowen Branch Gazebo. In the last issue I gave thanks to Jim Burby, Jim Reid and Pat McCarthy for the work they had done in re-habbing the gazebo. Then, I had a chance to see it up close and personal. It is beautiful, I recommend that you all go and gaze upon its beauty. Truly, truly, thank you guys.



General Membership Meetings will be held the fourth Saturday of each month, unless otherwise noted. They will be held at the pavilion after lunch. This is to satisfy the Requirements of Article 1, Section 4 of the Ridge Live Steamers By-Laws.

Electronic Distribution. In light of the current budget deficit, electronic distribution has become more important. Any communication electronically helps the budget. It also provides a faster way to get special announcements out to the members. Help the Treasurer and the Secretary/Editor to save money, and time. If you do not already get the newsletter, and more recently the 2010 Membership List, via e-mail, please e-mail me at allenpn@tampabay.rr.com with your e-mail address. Please be sure to add me to your mailbox so that I won't be blocked. Please be assured that only RLS mail will be sent to you and it will be as a "blind copy" to prevent anyone else gaining access to your computer.

New Car Barns. The new car barns are in the final phases. A few "punch card" items are left to clean up. For the most part they are complete.



It's all Bill Hays' fault!! If he hadn't built his track in Michigan, and told "us" about these card order sessions, Rich Dobler or Harold Dunsford or myself would probably never gone to Metamora. If we hadn't seen all these people with there own engines and trains with barns to store them in we never would have wanted trains of our own with barns to store them in. Or wanted to run our own card order sessions, or It's all his fault. First there was the "Over/Under" barn, then Harold Dunsford, Tom Pfister and Howard Clark had to build a barn, and then John and Chris Forte and Bruce Rauch had to build a barn, and then Jim Reid with Harvey Ulch, and Jere Wendt, and John Abbott had to build a barn. Then I got the bright idea that I needed a longer track, and Bob Babcock and Rollin Patrick and Lindsay Raley and Dave Wheeler and "Bunk" Sherrouse got into the act. It's all Bill's fault. But thanks to (in alphabetic order) Bob Babcock, Bob Bezdek, Dana Bliss, John Bortz, Rich Dobler, Carroll Downen, Bill Dunsford, Harold Dunsford, Ted Dunsford, Bill Hays, Tim Meyer, Mason Mishael, Joe Nash, Rollin Patrick, Carol Pfister, Tom Pfister, Lindsay Raley, Bruce Rauch, Jim Reid, Harvey Ulch and Rich Kralick we would never have gotten the "J" and "K" barns built. And without the Love, Patience and understanding of my wife, Carol Meyer, I would never have been able to write any of this.